

Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. J. R. No. 20, Proposing to amend Sections 1, 2, 4, 5, 22 and 23, Article 4, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, changing the term of State officers from two to four years, fixing the salary of said officers, naming the time for said elections, and making appropriation to pay expenses of said election,

And find the same correctly engrossed.

RUSSELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 26, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 57, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 60 of the Acts of the Thirty-third Legislature, passed at its Regular Session and approved March 20, 1913, providing for a special road law for Hunt county, etc., and declaring an emergency."

And find the same correctly engrossed.

RUSSELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 26, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. J. R. No. 1, Proposing to amend the Constitution of the State of Texas by amending Article 16, Section 20, thereof by striking out and repealing said section, and substituting in lieu thereof a new Section 20, prohibiting the manufacture for purposes of sale, barter or exchange, and the sale, barter and exchange of intoxicating liquors, on and after the first day of March, A. D. 1918, within this State, except for medicinal, scientific, fuel and sacramental purposes, and providing that the Legislature of the State of Texas shall at noon on the first day of March, A. D. 1918, by authority of this section, meet in session in the city of Austin and pass efficient laws to enforce this section; providing further, that this section shall not prevent any session of the Legislature from passing any law to enforce the same; and providing further, that all laws in force when this amendment is adopted, providing penalties or forfeitures in relation to the manufacture, sale or transportation of intoxicating liquors, shall remain in full force and effect until modified or repealed; fixing the time for the election for the adoption or rejection of said proposed constitutional amendment, directing a proclamation therefor and making certain provisions for said election and the ballots thereof, and method of voting; prescribing certain duties for the Governor of this State, and making an appropriation to defray the expenses of said election,

And find the same correctly engrossed.

RUSSELL, Chairman.

SEVENTEENTH DAY.

(Monday, January 29, 1917.)

The House met at 2 o'clock p. m., pursuant to adjournment.

(Speaker Fuller in the chair.)

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Bagby.	Fly.
Baker.	Greenwood.
Beard of Harris.	Haidusek.
Beasley.	Harris.
Beason.	Hartman.
Bedell.	Hawkins.
Bell.	Holland.
Bertram.	Hudspeth.
Blackburn.	Jones.
Blackmon.	Laas.
Blalock.	Lacey.
Bledsoe.	Laney.
Boner.	Lange.
Brown.	Lanier.
Bryan.	Lee.
Bryant.	Low.
Burton of Rusk.	of Washington.
Burton of Tarrant.	McComb.
Butler.	McCoy.
Cadenhead.	McDowra.
Canales.	McFarland.
Carlock.	McMillin.
Cates.	Martin.
Clark.	Meador.
Cope.	Mendell.
Cox.	Metcalfe.
Crudgington.	Miller of Austin.
Davis of Dallas.	Moore.
Davis of Grimes.	Morris.
Davis.	Murrell.
of Van Zandt.	Neeley.
De Bogory.	Neill.
Denton.	Nichols.
Dodd.	Nordhaus.
Dudley.	O'Banion.
Estes.	O'Brien.
Fisher.	Osborne.
Fitzpatrick.	Parks.
Florer.	Peddy.

Peyton.	Taylor.
Pillow.	Templeton.
Poage.	Thomas.
Pope.	Thomason
Raiden.	of El Paso.
Reeves.	Thomason
Richards.	of Nacogdoches.
Robertson.	Thompson
Roemer.	of Red River.
Rogers.	Tillotson.
Russell.	Tilson.
Sackett.	Trayler.
Sallas.	Tschoepe.
Sentell.	Upchurch.
Schlesinger.	Valentine.
Scholl.	Veatch.
Seawright.	Walker.
Sholars.	White.
Smith of Hopkins.	Williams
Smith of Scurry.	of Brazoria.
Spencer of Nolan.	Williams
Spencer of Wise.	of McLennan.
Spradley.	Willford.
Stewart.	Wilson.
Strayhorn.	Woodul.
Swope.	Yantis.

Absent.

Beard of Milam. Johnson.
Bland.

Absent—Excused.

Dunnam.	Schlosshan.
Fairchild.	Smith of Bastrop.
Hardey.	Terrell.
Hill.	Thompson
Lindemann.	of Hunt.
Lowe	Tinner.
of McMullen.	Wahrmund.
Miller of Dallas.	Woods.
Monday.	

A quorum was announced present.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Mitchell, Chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of important business:

Mr. Miller of Dallas, for today, on motion of Mr. Laney.

Mr. Smith of Bastrop, for today, on motion of Mr. Crudgington.

Mr. Monday, for today, on motion of Mr. Fisher.

Mr. Woods, for today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. Lange.

Mr. Lowe of McMullen and Mr. Wahrmund, for today, on motion of Mr. Hartman.

Mr. Schlosshan and Mr. Hill, for today, on motion of Mr. Bedell.

Mr. Williams of McLennan, for last

week, on motion of Mr. Williams of Brazoria.

Mr. Hardey, for today, on motion of Mr. Tillotson.

Mr. Lindemann, for today, on motion of Mr. Thomas.

Mr. Dunnam, for today, on motion of Mr. Spencer of Wise.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of sickness:

Mr. Thompson of Hunt, until next Thursday, on motion of Mr. Yantis.

Mr. Terrell, indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Bedell.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, January 29, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following bills:

S. B. No. 211, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Crockett Independent School District in Houston county, Texas; defining its boundaries; providing for a board of trustees to manage and control the public free schools within said district; divesting the city of Crockett of the control of its public free schools, and the title of all property now held and used for public school purposes; investing said district with the rights, powers, privileges and duties of a town or village incorporated for free school purposes only under the general laws; creating the trustees of said independent school district as a board of equalization thereof, and conferring upon them powers, and so forth, given by the general laws, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 217, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 155 of the Acts of the Thirty-fourth Legislature; reorganizing the Seventy-fifth Judicial District of Texas; adding thereto the county of Tyler, and removing said county from the First Judicial District of Texas; fixing the time of holding court in the said Seventy-fifth Judicial District and the Ninth Judicial District; repealing by omitting from this act parts of Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 of said acts so amended, and repealing entirely Sections 6, 7, 8 and 9 of said act so amended, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 61, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3420, Chapter 18, Title 52, of the Revised Statutes of

the State of Texas of 1911, providing that no property encumbered by certain liens shall be set aside to the widow or children as exempt property, or appropriated to make up the allowance in lieu of exempt property, or for a year's support, until the debts secured by such liens are first discharged, and declaring an emergency."

The Senate adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 9, Requesting Hons. F. A. Williams of Galveston and Nelson Phillips, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas, to address the House and Senate at 8 o'clock p. m. Monday, January 29.

Respectfully,
JOHN D. McCALL,
Secretary of the Senate.

HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. Pillow:

H. B. No. 499, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 5, 6, 8, 9 and 29 of Chapter 106, General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Texas, so that hereafter said sections of Chapter 106 shall provide in substance for fixing the salaries of the members of the State Fire Insurance Commission; to limit the expenditures of said Commission in any one year to the sum produced by an assessment of one and one-fourth per cent. of the gross premiums of all fire insurance companies doing business in this State; prescribing certain duties and powers of the State Fire Insurance Commission and the members thereof with respect to the fixing and promulgating of rates of premium, investigation of fires, and correction of fire hazards, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Insurance.

By Mr. Raiden and Mr. Thompson of Red River:

H. B. No. 500, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 5305 and 5310 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, so as to provide that the county surveyors shall file with the county clerk a certified copy of the field notes of all surveys made by them or their deputies; prescribing the time within which the same must be filed; providing for the record of such field notes by the county clerk and fixing a fee

therefor; providing that commissioners courts shall furnish to the county clerk the necessary books for such recording; repealing Article 5307, Revised Statutes of 1911, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure.

By Mr. Denton and Mr. O'Brien:

H. B. No. 501, A bill to be entitled "An Act to make appropriation to cover the cost of permanent building and equipment of same for the use of the Texas State Quarantine Service at Sabine, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Lange:

H. B. No. 502, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 421 of the Penal Code of the State of Texas; to further define 'barratry,' so as to include the fomenting of litigation for profit and by persons in addition to attorneys at law by soliciting employment or advancing money or other things of value to the parties to litigation in order to procure employment."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Davis of Van Zandt:

H. B. No. 503, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7355, Section 11, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, relating to occupation taxes placed upon peddlers, so as to provide for an exemption of ex-Confederate soldiers and cripples from the operation of the law by the commissioners court of any county."

Referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. Dudley:

H. B. No. 504, A bill to be entitled "An Act requiring every repair shop of whatsoever kind, or garage, within this State engaged in the repairing, rebuilding or repainting of automobiles of every description, or repair shops engaged in electrical work in connection with automobiles of every description, to keep a register containing a complete and accurate description of every car upon which work is performed; providing what the register shall contain and how it shall be kept; providing a punishment for failure to comply, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Mr. Cope and Mr. Parks:

H. B. No. 505, A bill to be entitled "An Act for the protection of the health, safety and comfort of employes in factories, mills, workshops, mercantile establishments, laundries or other establishments; providing for the guarding of dangerous machinery, vats, pans and all receptacles for molten metal, hot or corrosive fluids and electrical apparatus and appliances; prohibiting the removal or rendering ineffective any safeguard required by the act; requiring tight and loose pulleys or other disengaging device upon shafting or machines where stops are frequently made; requiring all hoistways, hatchways, elevator wells and wheel holes to be fenced or otherwise effectively guarded, providing for proper temperature and ventilation for the protection of the health of employes, requiring the removal of gas, effluvia or odors from places where employes are required to work and means to allay dust injurious to the health of persons employed; prohibiting decomposed or putrescent matter or refuse of any kind to be allowed to remain in or around such places of employment; providing for cleaning, sweeping and dusting outside of working hours; requiring doors used by employes as entrances or exits to open outward; prescribing the number of water closets, earth closets or privies to be supplied, and requiring separate closets or privies for males and females; requiring such closets or privies to be kept clean and effectively disinfected and ventilated; authorizing the Commissioner of Labor Statistics or any of his deputies or inspectors to enter any factory, mill, workshop, mercantile establishment, laundry or other establishment for making inspection and enforcing the provisions of the act; authorizing the said Commissioner, his deputies or inspectors to issue an order for the correction of insanitary conditions, carelessly or dangerously operated machinery, apparatus or device dangerous to the health, life or limb of the employes, or neglect to remove fumes and gases injurious to employes, in case of failure or refusal on the part of owner, superintendent, manager or other person in control or management of such establishment; giving the Commissioner of Labor Statistics, his deputies or inspectors power to close such establishment or any part of it or to condemn and put out of operation any dangerously operated machines or machine until such time as said order is complied with; providing how such powers may be exercised

and providing a method for testing the validity, etc., of such orders; fixing penalties for violation of provisions of the act, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Labor.

By Mr. White:

H. B. No. 506, A bill to be entitled "An Act granting permission to B. F. Gholson and Berry Fulcher to bring suit against the State of Texas in any court of Hamilton county having jurisdiction of the amount sued for, to ascertain the amount, if any, due them for services rendered the State as rangers or soldiers, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. McMillin, Mr. Spencer of Wise and Mr. Rogers:

H. B. No. 507, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 7, Sections 1 and 2 of the Acts of the Thirty-third Legislature of 1913, relating to suspended sentence."

Referred to Committee on Reforms in Criminal Procedure.

By Mr. Osborne, Mr. Davis of Van Zandt, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Cox and Mr. Florer:

H. B. No. 508, A bill to be entitled "An Act to reorganize the Fortieth Judicial District, and to create the Eighty-fourth Judicial District of the State of Texas; prescribing the time for holding district courts therein; and providing for the appointment of the district judge in said Eighty-fourth Judicial District; and providing that any district court in session when act takes effect shall continue to end of its term, and that process, recognizances, bail bonds, appeal bonds and jurors heretofore selected are valid and returnable to first session after this act takes effect, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

By Mr. Taylor:

H. B. No. 509, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Blanket Independent School District in Brown and Comanche counties, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Valentine:

H. B. No. 510, A bill to be entitled "An Act making it the duty of the Comptroller of Public Accounts and the county judge of each of the several counties to contract with competent par-

ties, associations, or corporations to install the Plat book system; defining the Plat book system and prescribing the time same shall be installed in the several counties; requiring the Comptroller of Public Accounts to prescribe forms, and making it the duty of the parties or corporations to which the contracts are given to compile list of errors in assessments, renditions and list of lands now escaping taxation and providing compensation therefor, and to furnish bond guaranteeing the faithful compliance with the provisions of this act; requiring the plat of each county to be filled in, and to become a record of the assessor's office, same to be kept up by the assessor according to transfers, and prescribing compensation for such service; prescribing payment for the installation of the Plat book system and the duty of the Comptroller of Public Accounts and the county judge in approving accounts; and the duty of the tax collector in paying same; making the provisions of this act mandatory, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Revenue Taxation.

By Mr. Thompson of Red River:

H. B. No. 511, A bill to be entitled "An Act to allow the owner or owners of all lands in the State of Texas two years from the passage of this act to redeem all lands that have been sold to the State of Texas for taxes by paying all taxes, cost, interest and penalties due thereon."

Referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. White:

H. B. No. 512, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the office of county road supervisor for Mills county, and prescribing the method for his appointment, duties and salary, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. Yantis:

H. B. No. 513, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 67 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Texas, as amended by Chapter 31 of the Acts of the First Called Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, and the same is hereby amended so that Sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 of said Chap-

ter 31 shall be divided into seven sections, to be known in said chapter as Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 5a, 5b, and 5c, reading as shown below; also by amending Section 9 of Chapter 31, so that it will read as shown below, said sections as amended to be incorporated in and become part of said Chapter 31."

Referred to Committee on Liquor Traffic.

By Mr. Williams of Brazoria:

H. B. No. 514, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7700 of the Revised Civil Statutes so as to require commissioners courts to furnish plat and index books to tax assessors, and providing for descriptions of land for all purposes, requiring tax assessors to use such books, and fixing penalty for failure to do so, providing for upkeep of such books and compensation therefor."

Referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. Williams of McLennan:

H. B. No. 515, A bill to be entitled "An Act declaring that no person, whether agent, officer, stockholder, director, employe or creditor of an insurance company chartered under the laws of this State shall have the right of access to the records of its office except with consent of the board of directors or the appropriate officer or committee to whom has been delegated authority to consent thereto; making it unlawful for any director, officer, agent or employe of such company knowingly and wilfully to give access to an inspection of the books thereof or to knowingly give any information to any person, stockholder, creditor, or the general public concerning the affairs, management or finances of any such company except upon consent and direction obtained in the manner set forth in the act, or unless directed to do so by the Commissioner of Insurance and Banking; creating an offense for the violation of this provision, and prescribing the punishment therefor; authorizing anyone who has been denied information concerning the affairs of any such company to make application to the Commissioner of Insurance and Banking for an order directing the corporation to permit the inspection of its books and records or give the information requested; prescribing a hearing on such application upon notice before the Commissioner of Insurance and Banking and authorizing him to enter an order di-

recting or refusing to direct such insurance company to give the required information or permit an inspection of its books; defining the terms upon which the Commissioner of Insurance and Banking shall make an order when in his judgment it is necessary for the protection of some private right of the applicant; declaring that any person aggrieved by the action of the Commissioner shall have his remedy by mandamus against the Commissioner in the Supreme Court of the State or by injunction in the district court of Travis county, and declaring that no action shall be maintained against any such insurance corporation for the purpose of requiring it to show its books or disclose any information concerning its affairs until such corporation declines and refuses to comply with the lawful order of the Commissioner of Insurance and Banking made under this act; declaring that a compliance with this act is a prerequisite to the right of any person to maintain a suit against any insurance company, its officers or agents for the purpose of inspecting its books and obtaining information concerning its affairs, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Insurance.

By Mr. Russell:

H. B. No. 516, A bill to be entitled "An Act to define the duties of county commissioners of San Patricio county, Texas, relating to the appointment and supervision of road overseers in defined road districts, and fixing the compensation of the commissioners of San Patricio county, Texas, when acting as ex-officio road commissioners, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. Davis of Dallas, Mr. Laney, Mr. Dodd, Mr. Sackett, Mr. Baker, Mr. Tilson, Mr. Trayler, Mr. Yantis, Mr. Terrell, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Raiden, Mr. Veatch and Mr. Cox:

H. B. No. 517, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1142 (1097) of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, relating to the allowance to sheriffs for the safekeeping, support and maintenance of prisoners confined in jail or under guard, and amount of charges to be allowed therefor, and repealing all laws and parts of laws and provisions in laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Clark and Mr. Templeton (by request):

H. B. No. 518, A bill to be entitled "An Act to make theft of domestic fowls at night time a felony."

Referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Mr. Williams of McLennan:

H. B. No. 519, A bill to be entitled "An Act to apply to and govern all insurance corporations incorporated under the laws of this State; making it unlawful for an insurance corporation so created to make a voluntary assignment, and prescribing the duty of such company when it finds itself unable to meet its obligations; making void any voluntary general assignment by such company or any acts relative thereto, and making void all transfer of assets after an act of insolvency or in contemplation thereof, with a view of preferring one creditor over another; declaring that no attachment, injunction or execution shall issue against such an insurance company or its property before final judgment; prescribing the duties of the Commissioner of Insurance and Banking when the capital stock or the reserves of an insurance company become impaired, or when such company is conducting its business in an unlawful, unsafe or unauthorized manner, or has made wrong entries or misapplied funds; defining the duty of the Commissioner in the event such company fails to observe the lawful orders issued by him in such cases; stating when and under what circumstances the Commissioner of Insurance and Banking shall report the affairs of an insurance corporation to the Attorney General for action, prescribing certain duties for the Attorney General and the district courts and district judges of the State; prescribing a complete scheme of liquidation by a receiver of insolvent insurance corporations and also by the Commissioner of Insurance and Banking; defining the duties of the Commissioner with reference to such liquidation, his authority and the method of liquidation in detail; imposing upon the Commissioner authority to call stockholders' meetings of insurance companies for the election of a new board of directors under certain conditions; defining how and when and under what circumstances and conditions the Commissioner of Insurance may take charge of the affairs of an insurance corporation and liquidate the same, and in what manner such corporation may place its affairs in the hands of the

Referred to Committee on Insurance.

H. B. No. 520, A bill to be entitled "An Act giving to the owner of any real estate or interest therein sold under execution, order of sale, deed of trust, mortgage or other contract lien the right to the possession of the same for one year from the date of sale at any time to redeem the same at any time in one year from the date of sale, by paying to the purchaser the amount of the purchase money paid, together with interest thereon and an additional five per cent; providing that property redeemed under the act shall not again be subject to levy or sale for the debt for which it was sold; providing that from the period of redemption allowed by this act shall be deducted a period equal to any extension of the debt; providing that the right of redemption shall not be waived; providing that the right of redemption shall for all purposes be treated and regarded as real estate, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure.

On motion of Mr. Bledsoe, it was ordered that House bill No. 474 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Peyton, it was ordered that Senate bills Nos. 17 and 123 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Denton, it was ordered that House bills Nos. 470 and 479 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Templeton, it was ordered that House bill No. 456 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Russell, it was ordered that House bill No. 469 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Stewart, it was ordered that House bill No. 495 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Dodd, it was ordered that 500 extra copies of House bill No. 473 be printed.

On motion of Mr. Cates, House bill No. 461 was recommitted to the Committee on Education..

On motion of Mr. Nordhaus, House bill No. 250 was recommitted to Committee on Stock and Stock Raising.

On motion of Mr. Peyton, by unanimous consent, Mr. Blalock was added to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. Butler submitted the following motion in writing:

"I move that House Joint Resolution No. 1 be made a special order for next Friday, at 10 a. m., and that all excuses for absences be revoked, and that the Sergeant-at-Arms be hereby instructed to notify all absent members of the revocation of their several excuses and to be present at said time."

The motion prevailed.

Mr. Carlock offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That this House extend to ex-Supreme Judge F. A. Williams of Galveston an invitation to address an informal session of the Representatives and Senators upon the merits of Bill No. 39, relative to assisting the Supreme Court to catch up with its work on the application docket and to enable said court to devote its time to disposing of the cause docket, said address to be made in the Hall of the House of Representatives, at 8 o'clock, Monday evening, January 29, 1917.

Signed—Carlock, Mendell.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Bryant, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment.

H. B. No. 46, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish a branch of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas in that portion of Western Texas lying west of the 98th meridian and north of the 30th parallel; providing for the location of such College, its government, and the control of its finances; defining its leading objects and prescribing its duties."

ing generally the nature and scope of instruction to be given; providing for the instruction of all students of such College in military science and for the military discipline of all students; conferring upon the board of directors of said College the right of eminent domain, making necessary appropriations for the location, establishment and maintenance of said College, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Bledsoe offered the following amendments to the bill:

(1)

Amend caption to House bill No. 46, line 8, by striking out the word "thirty-six," and inserting in lieu thereof "thirtieth."

(2)

Amend House bill No. 46, line 23, page 1, by striking out same and inserting in lieu thereof "West Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College."

(3)

Amend House bill No. 46, page 1, line 25, by inserting "Lieutenant Governor, Superintendent of Public Instruction" before the word "and."

(4)

Amend House bill No. 46, page 1, line 36, by striking out the words "said branch of the."

(5)

Amend House bill No. 46, lines 36 and 37, page 1, by striking out the following "as constituted by Section 4 of this act."

(6)

Amend House bill No. 46, page 2, lines 17 to 31, inclusive, by striking out all thereof from the word "assisted" to and inclusive of the last word in line 31.

(7)

Amend House bill No. 46, page 2, line 40 and line 1, page 3, by striking out the words "of said branch college, as constituted by Section 4 of this act," and inserting in lieu thereof "of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas."

(8)

Amend House bill No. 46, page 3, lines 17 and 18, by striking out the words

"as constituted by Section 4 of this act" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas."

The amendments were severally adopted.

Mr. Blalock offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend the bill by striking out all of Section 6 and substituting the following:

"The said West Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College is hereby made a branch of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas and the board of directors of said branch college as constituted by Section 4 of this act shall provide such courses of study including short courses for the instruction of farmers and stock raisers as may be deemed advisable and best to serve the needs of West Texas, and such courses may be added from time to time as in their wisdom conditions may justify."

Mr. Bryant moved to table the amendment, and the motion to table prevailed.

House bill No. 46 was then passed to engrossment.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed, in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof, and their captions had been read severally, the following enrolled bills:

S. B. No. 40, "An Act to make appropriation to cover the cost of a fire-proof brick dormitory at the Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College at Prairie View, Waller county, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 140, "An Act to create a common county line school district, to be known as the Auburn District, to be under the jurisdiction, management and control of the county school board of Ellis county, Texas, to be composed of the territory described in this act, and defining the rights, powers and privileges of such district, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 146, "An Act to incorporate Hearne Independent School District in Robertson county, Texas, for free school purposes only; defining its boundaries; divesting the city of Hearne of the control of its public free schools and of its school property, and vesting the same in said independent school district and its board of trustees; providing that all funds

belonging or owing to said city schools shall inure to the benefit of said independent school district, and that all contracts made by the board of trustees of said city school shall be carried out by the board of trustees of said independent school district, but that said district shall never be liable for any indebtedness of said city; providing for a board of trustees for said district and describing the rights, powers and duties of said Hearne Independent School District, and providing for changes of lines in said district, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 154, "An Act to create a special road law for Llano county, Texas, and to provide for the appointment of a superintendent of public highways and bridges by the commissioners court, and the fixing of the term of office and salary, and defining his duties."

HOUSE BILL NO. 296 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Bedell, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 296, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the election of county school trustees; defining the term of office thereof; stating the manner of having the names of candidates placed on the official ballot; fixing the date of said election, and providing who shall participate in said election; repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 103 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Dudley, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 103, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the construction of and make an appropriation for the construction of a main building, chemical laboratory building, dormitory and powerhouse for the Schools of Mines of the State of Texas, located in El Paso, Texas, and to make an appropriation of all funds collected from insurance on the burned buildings of said School of Mines for said purpose, and for furnish-

ing, equipping and maintaining said School of Mines, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 289 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Stewart, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 289, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the return of pension warrants where the pensioner dies during the quarter for which the warrant was issued, the cancellation of the same, and the issuance of a mortuary warrant to pay the funeral expenses of the deceased pensioner, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 364 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Cates, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 364, A bill to be entitled "An Act to require the publication in some newspaper of general circulation of all notices now required by law or contract to be given of any act or proceeding, whether public or private, or relating to a judicial, executive or legislative matter, which notice is now authorized by law or contract to be made by posting notice in one or more public places; fixing a time of such publication, and the compensation; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Cates offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 364 by striking out the words "for over," in line 37, Section 4, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "per."

Signed—Cates, McFarland.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Hartman offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 364 by striking out of line 15 the words "or contract."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Osborne offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend by striking out the words "of

any act or proceeding, whether public or private," in line 16, Section 1.

The amendment was lost.

Mr. Florer offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 364 by striking out the enacting clause.

The amendment was lost.

House bill No. 364 was then passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 202 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Nichols, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 202, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 303, Title 7, Chapter 2, of the Revised Criminal Statutes (1911) of Texas, specifically defining the articles or service that may be sold or rendered on Sunday, as exceptions from the operation of the preceding articles of said chapter, providing that incorporated cities and towns may by ordinance regulate or prohibit such sales, or service, and providing penalties."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Nichols offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 202 by inserting in line 19, page 1, after word "newspapers" the word "flowers."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Nichols offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 202 by striking out in line 20, page 1, the words "chewing tobacco" and inserting the word "tobaccos."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Nichols offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 202 by inserting in line 21, page 1, after the word "garages" the words "automobile accessories."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Nichols offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend caption of House bill No. 202, on page 1, by striking out the word "providing" in line 10, and by striking out lines 11 and 12.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Nichols offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 202 by striking out all of Section 1, after the letters "a. m." in line 25, page 1.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Boner offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 202 by striking out the enacting clause.

Mr. McCoy moved the previous question on the amendment, and the main question was ordered.

Question then recurring on the amendment by Mr. Boner, striking out the enacting clause of the bill, yeas and nays were demanded.

The amendment was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—50.

Bagby.	Murrell.
Baker.	O'Banion.
Bedell.	Peddy.
Bertram.	Peyton.
Blackmon.	Raiden.
Blalock.	Reeves.
Boner.	Richards.
Bryan.	Roemer.
Burton of Rusk.	Rogers.
Cadenhead.	Sallas.
Canales.	Sentell.
Clark.	Seawright.
Cope.	Smith of Scurry.
Crudgington.	Spencer of Wise.
Davis of Dallas.	Stewart.
Davis	Taylor.
of Van Zandt.	Templeton.
Dodd.	Thomas.
Dunnam.	Thomason
Estes.	of Nacogdoches.
Fly.	Tilson.
Hawkins.	Traylor.
Hudspeth.	Veatch.
Lanier.	Williford.
Lee.	Wilson.
Mendell.	Yantis.

Nays—70.

Beard of Harris.	Harris.
Beasley.	Hartman.
Beason.	Holland.
Bell.	Jones.
Blackburn.	Laas.
Bland.	Lacey.
Bledsoe.	Lange.
Brown.	Lindemann.
Bryant.	Low
Burton of Tarrant.	of Washington.
Butler.	McComb.
Carlock.	McDowra.
Cates.	McMillin.
Cox.	Martin.
Davis of Grimes.	Meador.
De Bogory.	Metcalfe.
Denton.	Miller of Austin.
Dudley.	Moore.
Fisher.	Morris.
Fitzpatrick.	Neeley.
Florer.	Neill.
Greenwood.	Nichols.
Haidusek.	Nordhaus.

O'Brien.	Thomason	Dudley.	Parks.
Osborne.	of El Paso.	Fisher.	Pillow.
Parks.	Thompson.	Fitzpatrick.	Poage.
Pillow.	of Red River.	Florer.	Pope.
Poage.	Tillotson.	Greenwood.	Robertson.
Pope.	Tschoepe.	Haidusek.	Roemer.
Russell.	Upchurch.	Harris.	Sackett.
Sackett.	Valentine.	Hartman.	Sallas.
Schlesinger.	Walker.	Holland.	Schlesinger.
Sholars.	White.	Hudspeth.	Scholl.
Smith of Hopkins.	Williams	Jones.	Sholars.
Spencer of Nolan.	of Brazoria.	Laas.	Spencer of Nolan.
Spradley.	Williams	Lange.	Spradley.
Swope.	of McLennan.	Lindemann.	Swope.
	Woodul.	Low	Thomason

Absent.

Beard of Milam.	McFarland.
Johnson.	Robertson.
Laney.	Scholl.
McCoy.	Strayhorn.

Absent—Excused.

Fairchild.	Smith of Bastrop.
Hardey.	Terrell.
Hill.	Thompson
Lowe	of Hunt.
of McMullen.	Tinner.
Miller of Dallas.	Wahrmund.
Monday.	Woods.
Schlosshan.	

Reason for Vote.

My reason for voting "nay" is because
Mr. Bagby voted "yea."

MOORE.

Mr. Williford offered the following
amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 202, line 20,
by striking out the words "soft drinks"
and substituting therefor the words "soda
water, lemonade and coca-cola."

Mr. Blalock moved the previous ques-
tion on the amendment and the passage
of the bill to engrossment, and the main
question was ordered.

Question first recurring on the amend-
ment, it was lost.

Question next recurring on the engross-
ment of the bill, yeas and nays were de-
manded.

The bill was passed to engrossment by
the following vote:

Yeas—68.

Beard of Harris.	Butler.
Beasley.	Canales.
Beason.	Carlock.
Bell.	Cates.
Blackburn.	Cox.
Bland.	Davis of Grimes.
Brown.	De Bogory.
Burton of Tarrant.	Denton.

	Parks.
	Pillow.
	Poage.
	Pope.
	Robertson.
	Roemer.
	Sackett.
	Sallas.
	Schlesinger.
	Scholl.
	Sholars.
	Spencer of Nolan.
	Spradley.
	Swope.
	Thomason
	of El Paso.
	Thompson
	of Red River.
	Tillotson.
	Tschoepe.
	Valentine.
	Walker.
	White.
	Williams
	of Brazoria.
	Williams
	of McLennan.
	Woodul.

Nays—55.

Bagby.	Murrell.
Baker.	O'Banion.
Beard of Milam.	O'Brien.
Bedell.	Peddy.
Bertram.	Peyton.
Blackmon.	Raiden.
Blalock.	Reeves.
Bledsoe.	Richards.
Boner.	Rogers.
Bryan.	Russell.
Burton of Rusk.	Sentell.
Cadenhead.	Seawright.
Clark.	Smith of Hopkins.
Cope.	Smith of Scurry.
Crudgington.	Spencer of Wise.
Davis of Dallas.	Stewart.
Davis	Taylor.
of Van Zandt.	Templeton.
Dodd.	Thomas.
Dunnam.	Thomason
Estes.	of Nacogdoches.
Fly.	Tilson.
Hawkins.	Traylor.
Lacey.	Upchurch.
Lanier.	Veatch.
Lee.	Williford.
McCoy.	Wilson.
McDowra	Yantis.
Mendell.	

Present—Not Voting.

Bryant.

Absent.

Johnson.	McFarland.
Laney.	Strayhorn.

Absent—Excused.

Fairchild.	Smith of Bastrop.
Hardey.	Terrell.
Hill.	Thompson
Lowe	of Hunt.
of McMullen.	Tinner.
Miller of Dallas.	Wahrmund.
Monday.	Woods.
Schlosshan.	

Mr. Nichols moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed to engrossment and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed, in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof, and their captions had been read severally, the following enrolled bills and resolutions:

H. C. R. No. 2, Designating March 2d as "Sam Houston Memorial Day."

H. B. No. 61, "An Act to create the Palo Pinto Independent School District in Palo Pinto county, Texas, for free school purposes, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 248, "An Act to amend Section 1, Chapter 48, General Laws of Texas, creating Willacy county, approved March 11, 1911; and to amend Section 1, Chapter 10, General Laws of Texas, creating Kleberg county, approved February 27, 1913, the purpose of this act being to change and make the boundary line between said counties conform to the result of elections duly called and held in said counties, the returns of which have been duly estimated, tabulated, certified to, sealed, endorsed and transmitted to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, in the manner and form prescribed by law, whereby certain territory was detached from Willacy county and attached to Kleberg county, and whereby certain land, waters and territory were detached from Kleberg and attached to Willacy county; to repeal all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 275, "An Act to reorganize the Thirty-second, Thirty-ninth, and Seventeenth Judicial Districts so as to declare what counties compose the Thirty-second, Thirty-ninth and Seventieth Judicial Districts; to fix the time for holding court in the various counties of said district; to make the processes is-

sued to serve before this act takes effect, including recognizances and bonds returnable to the terms of court as herein fixed, and continuing in office judges and district attorneys in each of said districts; to repeal all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

SENATE BILL NO. 9 ON THIRD READING.

On motion of Mr. Hawkins, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 9, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 116 of Chapter 96, Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-second Legislature, providing for the granting of teachers' certificates, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

Mr. Cope moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 231 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Trayler, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 231, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 900, Title 10, of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas of 1911, so as to make bail bonds good in all criminal cases until verdict for judgment and until the defendant is taken in custody by the sheriff, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 234 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Boner, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 234, A bill to be entitled "An Act to apportion the State of Texas into congressional districts, naming the counties composing the same, and providing for the election of a member of the Congress of the United States from each district, repealing all laws in con-

flict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Boner offered the following (committee) amendment to the bill:

Amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. The State of Texas shall be apportioned into the following congressional districts, each of which shall be entitled to elect one member of the Congress of the United States:

First—The following counties shall compose the First District, to-wit: Bowie, Red River, Lamar, Delta, Hopkins, Franklin, Titus, Camp, Morris, Cass and Marion.

Second—The following counties shall compose the Second District, to-wit: Panola, Shelby, San Augustine, Sabine, Newton, Jasper, Orange, Jefferson, Hardin, Tyler, Angelina, Nacogdoches and Cherokee.

Third—The following counties shall compose the Third District, to-wit: Kaufman, Van Zandt, Wood, Upshur, Smith, Gregg, Henderson, Rusk and Harrison.

Fourth—The following counties shall compose the Fourth District, to-wit: Fannin, Grayson, Collin, Hunt and Rains.

Fifth—The following counties shall compose the Fifth District, to-wit: Dallas, Ellis, Hill and Rockwall.

Sixth—The following counties shall compose the Sixth District, to-wit: Navarro, Freestone, Limestone, Robertson, Brazos and Milam.

Seventh—The following counties shall compose the Seventh District, to-wit: Galveston, Chambers, Liberty, San Jacinto, Polk, Trinity, Houston, Anderson, Leon, Madison, Walker, Grimes and Montgomery.

Eighth—The following counties shall compose the Eighth District, to-wit: Harris, Fort Bend and Waller.

Ninth—The following counties shall compose the Ninth District, to-wit: Brazoria, Fayette, Colorado, Wharton, Matagorda, Jackson, Lavaca, Gonzales, Guadalupe, De Witt, Victoria and Calhoun.

Tenth—The following counties shall compose the Tenth District, to-wit: Washington, Austin, Burleson, Lee, Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis and Williamson.

Eleventh—The following counties shall

compose the Eleventh District, to-wit: Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Bosque, McLennan and Falls.

Twelfth—The following counties shall compose the Twelfth District, to-wit: Erath, Hood, Somervell, Johnson, Tarrant and Parker.

Thirteenth—The following counties shall compose the Thirteenth District, to-wit: Cooke, Denton, Wise, Montague, Clay, Jack, Young, Archer, Wichita, Wilbarger, Baylor and Throckmorton.

Fourteenth—The following counties shall compose the Fourteenth District, to-wit: Aransas, Refugio, San Patricio, Goliad, Bee, Karnes, Willson, Bexar, Comal, Kendall, Kerr, Real, Gillespie and Blanco.

Fifteenth—The following counties shall compose the Fifteenth District, to-wit: Edwards, Val Verde, Cameron, Willacy, Kleberg, Nueces, Jim Wells, Brooks, Hidalgo, Starr, Jim Hogg, Zapata, Webb, Duval, Live Oak, McMullen, La Salle, Dimmit, Maverick, Zavala, Frio, Atascosa, Medina, Uvalde, Kinney and Bandera.

Sixteenth—The following counties shall compose the Sixteenth District, to-wit: Andrews, Martin, Taylor, Howard, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Coke, Sterling, Glasscock, Midland, Ector, Winkler, Loving, Ward, Crane, Upton, Reagan, Irion, Tom Green, Concho, Menard, Schleicher, Crockett, Sutton, Kimble, Terrell, Pecos, Reeves, Culberson, El Paso, Jeff Davis, Presidio and Brewster.

Seventeenth—The following counties shall compose the Seventeenth District, to-wit: Burnet, Llano, Mason, Comanche, McCulloch, San Saba, Lampasas, Mills, Brown, Coleman, Callahan, Eastland, Stephens, Shackelford, Jones and Palo Pinto.

Eighteenth—The following counties shall compose the Eighteenth District, to-wit: Hardeman, Foard, Knox, Haskell, Fisher, Stonewall, King, Cottle, Childress, Collingsworth, Wheeler, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts, Gray, Donley, Hall, Motley, Dickens, Kent, Scurry, Borden, Garza, Crosby, Floyd, Briscoe, Armstrong, Carson, Hutchinson, Hansford, Sherman, Moore, Potter, Randall, Swisher, Hale, Lubbock, Lynn, Dawson, Gaines, Terry, Hockley, Lamb, Castro, Dallam, Oldham, Deaf Smith, Farmer, Bailey, Yoakum and Cochran.

Sec. 2. That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act be and the same are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. The great importance of the legislation proposed and the already delay in redistricting the State, causing

great injustice to a large part of our State in denying due representation in Congress, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity which requires that the constitutional rule requiring that bills be read on three several days be suspended and that this bill be placed upon its final passage, and it is so enacted.

Mr. Bagby moved to postpone further consideration of the bill until Tuesday, February 6th.

Mr. Boner moved to table the motion to postpone, and the motion to table was lost.

(Mr. Mendell in the chair.)

Question recurring on the motion to postpone, it was lost.

Mr. Boner offered the following amendment to the (committee) amendment:

Amend (committee) amendment to House bill No. 234 by adding the following section:

"Sec. 2. Nothing in this act shall in anywise affect the tenure of office of the present delegation in Congress of Texas, but this act shall take effect for the general election in 1918, and a Congressman shall be elected from each of said districts for 1918 and thereafter until this law shall have been changed by the Legislature of this State."

The amendment to the (committee) amendment was adopted.

Mr. Sentell offered the following amendment to the (committee) amendment:

Amend (committee) amendment of House bill No. 234 by transferring Hill county from District 5 to District 12.

The amendment to the (committee) amendment was lost.

Mr. Parks offered the following amendment to the (committee) amendment:

Amend (committee) amendment by transferring Hill county from the Fifth District to the Sixth District.

Signed—Parks, Davis of Dallas, Florer.

The amendment to the (committee) amendment was lost.

Mr. Moore offered the following amendment to the (committee) amendment:

Amend House bill No. 234 by transferring Grimes and Montgomery counties from the Seventh District to the Eighth District.

The amendment to the (committee) amendment was lost.

Mr. Beason offered the following amendment to the (committee) amendment:

Amend the bill by transferring the words "Leon and Madison" from the Seventh to the Sixth District.

Mr. Blalock moved the previous question on the pending amendments and the engrossment of the bill, and the main question was ordered.

Question first recurring on the amendment to the (committee) amendment, it was lost.

Question next recurring on the (committee) amendment as amended, it was adopted.

House bill No. 234 was then passed to engrossment.

Mr. Boner moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed to engrossment and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

(Speaker in the chair.)

HOUSE BILL NO. 354 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Bryan, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment.

H. B. No. 354, A bill to be entitled "An Act to reorganize the Thirty-eighth, the Fifty-first, the Sixty-third and the Seventieth Judicial District of the State of Texas, and to create the Eighty-second Judicial District of the State of Texas, and to prescribe the time and fix the terms of holding the courts in each of the said judicial districts, and to conform all writs and process from such courts to such changes, and to provide for the appointment and election of a district judge and district attorney in said Eighty-second Judicial District, and to make all process issued or served before this act takes effect, including recognizances and bonds returnable to the terms of the courts in the several districts as herein fixed; to validate such process and to validate the summoning of grand and petit jurors and juries, repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Question—Shall the bill be passed to engrossment?

Mr. Bryan offered the following amendments to the bill:

(1)

Amend House bill No. 354 so as to strike out the words "Eighty-two" or "Eighty-second," or figures "82" wherever they occur in said bill, and insert in lieu thereof the words "Eighty-three" or "Eighty-third" or figures "83."

(2)

Amend caption of House bill No. 354 by striking out the words "Eighty-second" wherever they occur and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Eighty-third."

The amendments were severally adopted.

House bill No. 354 was then passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 111 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Williams of McLennan, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment.

H. B. No. 111, A bill to be entitled "An Act to regulate, control and license pool halls and billiard halls in the State of Texas and to provide for bond of the keepers of such halls before license will be issued, and making it a misdemeanor to operate such halls without complying with the terms hereof, and providing punishment for running or operating such halls without first obtaining a license; to repeal Chapter 74 of the General Laws of Texas of the Thirty-third Legislature passed in 1913."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 302 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Scurry, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment.

H. B. No. 302, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 886, Title 13, offenses against public property, Chapter 6, Penal Code of 1911, of the State of Texas, relative to the protection of certain game, so as to prohibit the killing thereof for the next twenty-five years; repealing all laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Dudley offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend in line 21, instead of "5.00" read "100.00."

The amendment was adopted.

House bill No. 111 was then passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 138 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Carlock, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment.

H. B. No. 138, A bill to be entitled "An Act to be known as the interchangeable jury law, to regulate the selection, organization and custody of juries in all cases except capital and lunacy cases in counties where there are now three or may hereafter be established three or more district courts, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Carlock offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend line 22, page 1, by inserting in line 22 after the words "Act of the" "Thirtieth"; amend line 23, page 1, by inserting after the word "approved" "April 18, 1907"; amend line 5, page 2, by substituting the word "Judge" for "Judges"; amend line 15, page 2, by substituting "week" for "weeks," substitute "as" for "for" in line 19 of page 2.

The amendment was adopted.

House bill No. 138 was then passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 127 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment.

H. B. No. 127, A bill to be entitled "An Act to render unlawful the issue of road warrants or other evidence of indebtedness, except bonds as provided in Article 605 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, for the purpose of laying out, constructing, maintaining or repairing any road or bridge, unless the same be payable during the current year for which it is issued, and not in excess of the amount that can be paid out of the current funds of the county for such year."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 13 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 13, A bill to be entitled "An Act granting to the City of Austin certain land along the river front."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. J. R. No. 15, Proposing to amend the Constitution of the State of Texas by amending Section 2 of Article 6 of the Constitution by striking out and repealing said Section 2 and substituting in lieu thereof another Section 2; defining qualified electors in this State; prescribing where such electors may vote; fixing the time for the election for the adoption or rejection of said proposed constitutional amendment; making certain provisions for said election and the ballots thereof and method of voting; directing the issuance of proclamation therefor; prescribing certain duties for the Governor of the State, and making an appropriation to defray the expenses of said election.

The resolution was read third time.

Mr. Butler offered the following amendments to the resolution:

(1)

Amend the resolution by inserting after the word "county" in line 34, Section 1 of the committee amendment, the following, "may vote at any election precinct in the county."

(2)

Amend the resolution by striking out all above the clause "Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas" and substituting the following: "House joint resolution proposing to amend the Constitution of the State of Texas, defining qualified electors in this State; prescribing where such electors may vote; fixing the time for the election for the adoption or rejection of said proposed constitutional amendment; making certain provisions for said election and the ballots thereof and method of voting; directing the issuance of proclamation therefor; prescribing certain duties for the Governor of the State; and making an appropriation to defray the expense of said election."

The amendments were severally adopted.

Question—Shall the resolution be passed?

Mr. Canales moved that the House adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow, and the motion was lost.

(Mr. Florer in the chair.)

APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED.

The Speaker announced the appointment of the following pages: Morrison Laird and Paschal Buford.

ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. Butler moved that the House adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

Mr. Fisher moved that the House adjourn until 2 o'clock p. m. tomorrow.

The motion of Mr. Fisher prevailed, and the House, accordingly, at 5:50 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m. tomorrow.

APPENDIX.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY.

Mr. Speaker:

In order that the membership of the House of Representatives may, with knowledge of the final effect of their vote upon joint resolutions which, under the Constitution of the State and the rules of the House require a majority of two-thirds of the elected and qualified membership thereof, at some period of their passage, I desire to submit for your consideration the following inquiry:

The House of Representatives, by the necessary vote, passes a joint resolution and the same is transmitted to the Senate and the Senate adopts a joint resolution leaving out or containing material matter other than that contained in the House joint resolution, and both houses decline to accept and pass either of said joint resolutions, a free conference committee is appointed. If said free conference committee reports back to the House of Representatives that they have accepted the Senate resolution, which had theretofore been refused by the House for lack of the necessary vote of two-thirds, or that they have agreed to certain committee amendments, which either add material matter or take material matter from the resolution passed by the House by a two-thirds vote, can such joint resolution become effective

by adopting the report or amendments by a majority vote of the House, or is it necessary that before either of the two things can become effective it shall require a two-thirds vote of all the elected and qualified members of the House?
BAGBY.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 27, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 22, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with amendments. Mr. Clark has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

TERRELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 26, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 23, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Tillotson has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

BONER, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 26, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 30, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Tillotson has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

BONER, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 26, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 12, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation

that it do pass. Mr. Meador has been appointed to make a full report thereon. Mr. Sallas gave notice of minority report.

BONER, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 27, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 27, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. McCoy has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

BONER, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 26, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 11, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

BONER, Vice-Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON REFORMS IN CIVIL PROCEDURE.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 26, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure, to whom was referred House bill No. 287, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Robertson has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CARLOCK, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 26, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure, to whom was referred House bill No. 206, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Templeton has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CARLOCK, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 26, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure, to whom was referred House bill No. 332, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Templeton has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CARLOCK, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 26, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure, to whom was referred House bill No. 18, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Crudginton has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CARLOCK, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 26, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure, to whom was referred House bill No. 308, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Spencer of Nolan has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CARLOCK, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 26, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure, to whom was referred House bill No. 319, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Spencer of Wise has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CARLOCK, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 26, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure, to whom was referred

House bill No. 114, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass. Mr. Spencer of Wise gives notice of a minority report.

CARLOCK, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 26, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure, to whom was referred House bill No. 394, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass with committee amendment. Mr. Spencer of Nolan has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CARLOCK, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PENITENTIARIES.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 29, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Penitentiaries, to whom was referred House bill No. 373, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Denton has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

HOLLAND, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JURISPRUDENCE.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 24, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred House bill No. 389, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Woodul has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

FISHER, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 24, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred

House bill No. 390, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Woodul has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

FISHER, Vice-Chairman.

REPORTS OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 26, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred House bill No. 437, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Fisher has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

BRYANT, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 26, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred House bill No. 155, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass with committee amendment. Mr. Robertson has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

BRYANT, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 29, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred House bill No. 301, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

BRYANT, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 26, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred House bill No. 381, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Fisher has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

BRYANT, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 29, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred House bill No. 388, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Fisher has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

BRYANT, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 29, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred House bill No. 157, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with committee amendments. Mr. Bryan has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

BRYANT, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 29, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred House bill No. 454, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Carlock has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

BRYANT, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 29, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred House bill No. 473, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Dodd has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

DAVIS of Grimes, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 29, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Public

Health, to whom was referred House bill No. 145, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with committee amendments. Mr. Parks has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

DAVIS of Grimes, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 29, 1917.
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred House bill No. 95, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with committee amendments. Mr. Schlesinger has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

DAVIS of Grimes, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 26, 1917.
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred House bill No. 62, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with amendments. Mr. Bedell has been appointed to make a full report thereon. Mr. Strayhorn gave notice of a minority report.

DAVIS of Grimes, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS AND LAND OFFICE.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 27, 1917.
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Public Lands and Land Office, to whom was referred House bill No. 134, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

POPE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 27, 1917.
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Public

Lands and Land Office, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 75, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass as amended. Mr. Bryan has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

POPE, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 26, 1917.
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 123, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Valentine has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

PEYTON, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 26, 1917.
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 17, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Smith has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

PEYTON, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL DISTRICTS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 26, 1917.
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred House bill No. 50, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Jones has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

TEMPLETON, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 27, 1917.
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred House bill No. 456, have had the same under con-

sideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Spencer of Nolan has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

TEMPLETON, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND BANKING.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 29, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Banks and Banking, to whom was referred House bill No. 203, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass with committee amendment. Mr. Beason has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

BROWN, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 29, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Banks and Banking, to whom was referred House bill No. 29, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Spencer of Wise has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

BROWN, Vice-Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 29, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 495, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 29, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 470, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 29, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 469, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 29, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 436, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 29, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 461, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 29, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 479, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 25, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 408, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Fly has been appointed to make a full report thereon. Mr. Dodd gave notice of minority report.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 27, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Game and Fisheries, to whom was referred House bill No. 457, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

BAKER, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LABOR.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 26, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Labor, to whom was referred House bill No. 58, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with committee amendments. Mr. McComb has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

TAYLOR, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 27, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, to whom was referred House bill No. 22, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

METCALFE, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON PRIVILEGES, SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 27, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Privileges, Suffrage and Elections, to whom was referred House bill No. 87, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

Mr. Veatch has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CLARK, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 27, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Privileges, Suffrage and Elections, to whom was referred House bill No. 347, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass with committee amendments. Mr. Burton of Rusk has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CLARK, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON ENGROSSED BILLS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 29, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 38, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 1521, 1522, 1543, 1544 and 1526 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, as amended by the Acts of the Thirty-third Legislature, approved March 28, 1913, defining the original and appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, and regulating the practice therein,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

DENTON, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 29, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 13, A bill to be entitled "An Act granting to the city of Austin certain land along the river front,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

DENTON, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 29, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. J. R. No. 15, Proposing to amend the Constitution of the State of Texas

by amending Section 2 of Article 6 of the Constitution by striking out and repealing said Section 2 and substituting in lieu thereof another Section 2; defining qualified electors in this State; prescribing where such electors may vote; fixing the time for the election for the adoption or rejection of said proposed constitutional amendment; making certain provisions for said election and the ballots thereof and method of voting; directing the issuance of proclamation therefor; prescribing certain duties for the Governor of the State, and making an appropriation to defray the expenses of said election,

And find the same correctly engrossed.
DENTON, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 29, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 40, A bill to be entitled "An Act making it a misdemeanor to kill or in any manner injure the winged quadruped known as the common bat, repealing all laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
DENTON, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 29, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 47, "An Act making an emergency appropriation for the support and maintenance of the State Quarantine Station at Brownsville, Texas, and other points within the State, for the remainder of the fiscal year ending August 31, 1917, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day presented same to the Governor for his approval.

McCOY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 29, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 61, "An Act to create the Palo Pinto Independent School District in Palo Pinto county, Texas, for free school purposes, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 3:40 o'clock p. m., presented to the Governor for his approval.

McCOY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 29, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 248, "An Act to amend Section 1, Chapter 48, General Laws of Texas, creating Willacy county, approved March 11, 1911; and to amend Section 1, Chapter 10, General Laws of Texas, creating Kleberg county, approved February 27, 1913, the purpose of this act being to change and make the boundary line between said counties conform to the result of elections duly called and held in said counties, the returns of which have been duly estimated, tabulated, certified to, sealed, endorsed and transmitted to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, in the manner and form prescribed by law, whereby certain territory was detached from Willacy county and attached to Kleberg county, and whereby certain land, waters and territory were detached from Kleberg and attached to Willacy county; to repeal all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 3:40 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

McCOY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 29, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. C. R. No. 1, Providing for counting the votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, and for their inauguration,

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day presented same to the Governor for his approval.

McCOY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 29, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. C. R. No. 2, Designating March 2 as "Sam Houston Memorial Day,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day at 3:40 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

McCOY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 29, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. C. R. No. 3, Providing the form of printed bills,

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day presented same to the Governor for his approval.

McCOY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 29, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. C. R. No. 4, Relating to location of naval armor plate plant in East Texas,

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day presented same to the Governor for his approval.

McCOY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 29, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 275, "An Act to reorganize the Thirty-second, Thirty-ninth and Seventieth Judicial Districts, so as to declare what counties compose the Thirty-second, Thirty-ninth and Seventieth Judicial Districts; to fix the time for holding court in the various counties of said districts; to make the processes issued to serve before this act takes effect, including recognizances and bonds, returnable to the terms of court as herein fixed, and continuing in office judges and district attorneys in each of said

districts; to repeal all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 3:40 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

McCOY, Chairman.

EIGHTEENTH DAY.

(Tuesday, January 30, 1917.)

The House met at 2 o'clock p. m., pursuant to adjournment.

(Speaker Fuller in the chair.)

The roll was called, and the following members were present:

Bagby.	Hill.
Baker.	Holland.
Beard of Harris.	Hudspeth.
Beard of Milam.	Jones.
Beasley.	Laas.
Beason.	Lacey.
Bedell.	Laney.
Bell.	Lange.
Bertram.	Lanier.
Blackburn.	Lee.
Blackmon.	Lindemann.
Bland.	McComb.
Bledsoe.	McCoy.
Boner.	McDowra.
Brown.	McFarland.
Bryan.	McMillin.
Bryant.	Martin.
Burton of Rusk.	Meador.
Burton of Tarrant.	Mendell.
Butler.	Metcalfe.
Cadenhead.	Miller of Austin.
Canales.	Moore.
Carlock.	Morris.
Cates.	Murrell.
Cope.	Neeley.
Cox.	Neill.
Crudgington.	Nichols.
Davis of Dallas.	Nordhaus.
Davis of Grimes.	O'Banion.
Davis of Van Zandt.	O'Brien.
De Bogory.	Osborne.
Denton.	Parks.
Dodd.	Peddy.
Dudley.	Peyton.
Dunnam.	Pillow.
Estes.	Poage.
Fisher.	Pope.
Fitzpatrick.	Raiden.
Florer.	Reeves.
Fly.	Richards.
Greenwood.	Robertson.
Haidusek.	Roemer.
Hardey.	Rogers.
Harris.	Russell.
Hartman.	Sackett.
Hawkins.	Sallas.
	Sentell.